

WEATHER. Fair tonight and Wednesday, continued cool, probably frost tonight, moderate northwest winds. Temperature past twenty-four hours: High, 64; low, 47; yesterday, low, 42, at 6 a.m. today. For full report see page 16.

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CONTRADICTORY SEES JUSTICE OFFICIALS ABOUT RIGGS BANK PUBLISHES ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE FINANCIERS, ALLEGING UNLAWFUL PRACTICES.

INSTITUTION OBTAINS TEMPORARY INJUNCTION COURT RESTRAINS MR. WILLIAMS, MR. McADOO AND MR. BURKE FROM "INTERFERENCE."

CASE TO BE HEARD FRIDAY BOTH SIDES ISSUE LONG STATEMENTS AIRING CONTROVERSY THAT HAS EXISTED FOR MANY MONTHS. JUSTICE SIDDOONS TO SIT.

John Skelton Williams, controller of the currency, took up with the Department of Justice today, in a conference he held there with officials of that department, various matters which connect the Riggs National Bank and officials of the Treasury Department.

Present at the conference were Charles Warren, assistant attorney general; Louis D. Brandeis of Boston and Jesse C. Adams, a Washington attorney, who, like Mr. Brandeis, has been retained from time to time as a special assistant attorney general.

The difference between the Riggs National Bank and some of the officials of the Treasury Department, which have been a matter of gossip for months, and the controversy which arose out of them were precipitated into an open public "break" late yesterday afternoon when the bank sought and obtained from the District Supreme Court a temporary injunction against the Federal Reserve Bank.

Investigation by the United States public health service into the epidemic of beriberi among sailors aboard the Kronprinz Wilhelm was begun today, Dr. Joseph Goldberger arrived from Washington to take charge of the warship shortly before noon.

The German embassy today transmitted to the State Department a formal request of Capt. Thierfelder of the auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm for determination of his vessel's status.

Officials of the bank today examined a lengthy statement given out by Controller Williams regarding some of the transactions of the bank to which the bank takes exception.

BANK'S BILL OF COMPLAINT ALLEGES UNLAWFUL CONSPIRACY BY U. S. TREASURY OFFICIALS

A summary of the bill of complaint filed by the Riggs National Bank late yesterday afternoon, on which a temporary injunction was obtained from Judge John Skelton Williams, controller of the currency, and John Burke, secretary of the Treasury, and John Burke, treasurer of the United States, shows that it contains thirty-seven counts.

The bill is charged with having conspired to irreparably injure the plaintiff bank and to have exceeded the powers conferred to them by law and to have abused the powers so conferred to them.

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PUMPS OF RAIDER KEEP HER AFLOAT

Kronprinz Wilhelm, Leaking Badly, May Require Three Weeks to Repair.

NEVER HEARD FROM EITEL, CAPT. THIERFELDER SAYS

Statements of Officers Accepted by U. S. Authorities—Experts Think Ship Will Intern.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 13.—Steam pumps of the German commerce destroyer Kronprinz Wilhelm, in part broken, were under repair today while experts from the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company resumed examination of the ship in order to report to her commander on repairs necessary to make her seaworthy.

The Wilhelm is leaking continuously, throbbing of her pumps and also by the fact that the ship lies low in the water despite lack of cargo.

Think Ship Will Intern. The fact that the Wilhelm will require considerable attention before she can be made seaworthy, it was believed by experts, may eventually cause her to be interned.

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FRENCH SHELL TURKISH CAMP NEAR JERUSALEM

PARIS, April 13, 11:13 a.m.—The marine ministry issued the following statement today:

Yesterday a battleship, in connection with French seaplanes, bombarded the important Turkish encampment in the neighborhood of Gaza.

The bombardment of Gaza marks the development of hostilities in a new quarter. Gaza is in southern Palestine, near the Egyptian frontier.

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OREGON AND VILLA PROBABLY FIGHTING

Hostilities Expected to Be Renewed Today, State Department Hears.

BOTH LEADERS HAVE BEEN WAITING REINFORCEMENTS

Battle Near Nuevo Laredo Also Likely Soon—Acapulco Needs Food and Money.

Hostilities were expected to be resumed today in the vicinity of Celaya and Irapuato between the contending Mexican armies under Gen. Villa and Obregon, according to State Department officials.

More than 15,000 men, officials here estimate, have been gathered at the front by Villa, and he prepares to resume his march today.

Obregon Being Reinforced. State Department officials give out today: "Reinforcements and ammunition are being sent to Gen. Obregon, who is reported to be still at Celaya."

Col. Alfredo Erecada, heading a commission of four men appointed by Gen. Carranza to investigate the case, arrived in New York yesterday.

Summary of Reports. In its summary of reports from Mexico the State Department said work was proceeding slowly on the railroad south of Piedras Negras for lack of material, and traffic would not be resumed.

VILLA OPENS BOMBARDMENT. Shells Fired at Carranza Trenches at Matamoros.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., April 13.—Bombardment of the Carranza trenches by the Villa army besieging Matamoros began this forenoon.

Whole Market Forward. Bethlehem Steel rose to 142 before noon, and then dropped back 4 points from its high price.

BRITISH TO LODGE PROTEST. Mining Regulations Under Villa Regime Declared Confiscatory.

At this morning's high prices Bethlehem Steel showed a gain of 54 points over its low price of a week ago.

GERMANIC NATIONS PREPARED TO FEED ARMIES AND PEOPLE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD

Report That Shortage of Supplies and Munitions Makes Teutonic Allies Willing to Consider Peace Terms Meets With Flat and Emphatic Denial.

ROME, April 12, via Paris, April 13.—Information obtained from the highest German sources in this city is to the effect that there is absolutely no basis for the report that peace negotiations under certain conditions are being considered in Berlin.

Conserving Potato Supply. BERLIN, via London, April 13, 10:45 a.m.—Regulations have been adopted by the federal council which are designed to insure a supply of potatoes for the spring and summer.

Plans Vigorous Campaign. Well informed Germans in Rome declare the determination of the central empire to carry the conflict to the end will become apparent soon, when the campaign is resumed with fresh vigor on both fronts.

PEACE NOT FORMALLY BROACHED BY VATICAN

Bethlehem Shares Figure in Another Sensational Rise in New York.

NEW YORK, April 13.—Another spectacular rise in Bethlehem Steel, which sold up to 139 1/2 in the first hour of today's business, a gain of 1 1/2 points over yesterday's close, was the all-absorbing feature of today's early stock market.

Supports Peace Movement. While the United States government was not consulted in connection with the international women's peace gathering at The Hague, the President indicated today that the movement had his sympathetic support.

LOSSES AT NEUVE CHAPPELLE. Further List Issued by British War Office Adds 1,038 Names.

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THE SUBURBAN JUGGERNAUT.

U. S. ASKED TO AID PRISONERS OF WAR

Germany Makes Strong Protest Against Treatment of Captured Crews.

LONDON, April 13.—The reported German declaration that British officers had been imprisoned in the military detention barracks, in retaliation for the refusal of the British to accord the same treatment to crews of German submarines as to other prisoners, is expected to place additional labor on the shoulders of American diplomats.

Note to Ambassador Gerard. The text of the note presented by the German foreign office to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador to Germany, on the subject of submarine prisoners is contained in a dispatch received from Berlin today by Reuters' Telegram Company.

British Charge Denied. "When, moreover, the British government sees fit to remark that the German navy, in contrast with that of the British, fail to save shipwrecked men we can only reject with loathing the insinuation that such a rescue was possible for German ships, but was willfully neglected."

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NEWMAN OUSTER IS BEING ARGUED

Supreme Court Hears Attorneys on Commissioner's Right to Hold Office.

MR. BAILEY CRITICISES SOLICITOR GENERAL DAVIS

Declares He Has No Right to Appear—Justices Ask Lawyers Questions.

Argument in the case of District Commissioner Oliver P. Newman, whose ouster from office has been ordered in the lower courts, was begun in the Supreme Court of the United States today.

Mr. Newman's right to hold office was challenged on the ground that he had not been an actual resident of the District of Columbia for the three years prior to his appointment, and that he had claimed residence elsewhere during that period.

Mr. Bailey Criticizes Solicitor General Davis. The appearance of Solicitor General Davis in the interests of Commissioner Newman was severely criticized by former Senator Bailey, who appeared, against Newman, and in the interests of William J. Frizzell, a citizen of the District of Columbia, who had been appointed by the Court to succeed Newman.

Not Merely a Municipal Office. Mr. Ralston declared that the office of District Commissioner was not merely a municipal office, but an officer through whom the Federal government exercised power in the Federal District.

Mr. Ralston's View. Mr. Ralston contended that if Frizzell had a right to bring out proceedings against Newman, then any citizen of the United States had such a right, since he was a federal officer.

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ARMIES IN FRANCE ARE NEARLY READY TO BEGIN ADVANCE

British Cheered by Gen. French's Promise to Break the German Line.

RECENT FRENCH SUCCESS GIVES A BIG ADVANTAGE

Coming Three Months Expected to Be Memorable in History of Great War.

SAYS THE FOE LACKS VIGOR Official "Eye-Witness" Draws Conclusion From Failure of Germans to Return Recent Attacks by British.

LONDON, April 13, 1:13 p.m.—Field Marshal Sir John French's message to his countrymen at home that "I know when the time comes for us to make our great move we can break through the Germans," and the British eyewitness' statement of yesterday that there are plain signs of the "gradual weakening of the German resistance," are accepted here as an intimation that the present steady pressure on the western front will shortly develop into events of vaster scope.

Signal for Final Offensive. Military writers are of the opinion that the reported French success between the Meuse and the Moselle—an important region stretching between the rival fortresses of Verdun and Metz—have given a promising opening for the spring campaign.

They regard it as the signal for the final offensive movement which has been awaiting the arrival of adequate accumulations of men, equipment and supplies.

Enemy Losing Heart. Referring to the condition bordering on panic which prevailed at Lille during the fighting at Neuve Chapelle, this writer goes on to say: "Both sides have now openly expressed their uneasiness. Apparently a marked change began to occur in the general demeanor of the German troops soon after Christmas."

Continuing, the writer says: "Looking back over the last four months, it is instructive to note the gradual weakening of the German resistance, the absolute confidence and extreme cheerfulness, but latterly this feeling has been steadily decreasing."

PARIS, April 13.—There has been given out in Paris a description by an eyewitness of the attempt made by the Germans April 9 to make a small foray at Beauséjour held by the French.

Two companies of volunteers led in this attempt for death, but, nevertheless, they were stopped by the French trench artillery and infantry. Only a few of them escaped. Another attack, in which the Germans had a heavy French success in capturing the first line of trenches. These positions were held by two companies until April 9. The Germans were so thick in these trenches that they crowded each other and interfered with the freedom of operations. Into this mass of men the French artillery fired. Those who escaped the shells were mostly bayoneted by the French infantry. Only ten men survived.

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